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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FIGHT WITH GN

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1. FURTHER TO DEMONSTRATION REPORTED REFTEL, ABOUT 300 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FOUGHT OUTSIDE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE AROUND 3:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

GN PERSONNEL CLUBBED STUDENTS WITH RUBBER TRUNCHEONS AND GUNBUTTS. GUARD FIRED TEAR GAS SHELLS TO BREAK UP THE STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, SOME STUDENTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN WONDED BY SHOTGUN PELLETS. STUDENTS OVERTURNED AND SET AFIRE AN OFFICIAL GOP (IRHE-POWER AND LIGHT) VEHICLE ON MAJOR CITY STREET WHICH FLANKS THE UNIVERSITY.

2. STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THIS CLEARLY ANTI-GOVERNMENT CONFRONTATION WERE PRINCIPALLY FROM UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, BUT SOME FROM ENGINEERING FACULTY AS WELL.

3. BY 4:00 P.M. GUARDIA PERSONNEL HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM IMMEDIATE AREA.

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4. BURNT OUT VEHICLE CONTINUES TO BLOCK THE AVENUE; THAT,
PLUS VIOLENCE OF THE FIGHT SEEMS LIKELY TO SET OFF MORE
TROUBLE THIS EVENING. IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORESTALL IT,
UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS CANCELLED ALL CLASSES THIS EVENING.
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